any damage to the under water parts of the project, units are required to be stopped when the silt level exceed specified / permissible limits as prescribed in the operation manual of the power station.

(b) The total consolidated loss suffered by Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited on account of forced closing of Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Electric Project units on account of high silt in the river Sutlej is approximately Rs. 355 crores since its commissioning in 2003.

It is not established that rapid deglaciation in Satluj catchment area in China is responsible for the unexpected behaviour of the river. However, with the formation of an artificial lake due to massive land slides at Pareechu in Tibet (China) in the year 2004-05 and its bursting in the year 2005-06 silt contents much higher than normal have been experienced in the river waters. Due to the flash flood on 26.6.2005, on account of bursting of the Pareechu artificial dam/lake, erosion was also caused to the upstream banks of the river Satluj which resulted in higher siltation of the river waters for some more time.

(d) A Memorandum of understanding has been signed by the Ministry of Water Resources with the Government of China in 2005 for supply of hydrological information in flood season beginning on-set of South West monsoon 2006.

Ongoing power projects in Andhra Pradesh

3158. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the status of various ongoing medium and minor power projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the reasons for delay, if any, in according approval to the proposals received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh during the last two years for setting up new power projects in Andhra Pradesh, project-wise separately; and

(c) the time likely to be give approval to all the power projects related proposals of Andhra Pradesh Government?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) 6 Thermal power projects and 1 hydro power having

capacity of 2933 MW are under construction in Andhra Pradesh. Status of these projects is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* Below)

(b) and (c) The requirement of Techno-Economic Clearance of setting up of Thermal Power Projects has been dispensed with.

However, one hydro electric project (Dummugudem-8x45 MW = 360 MW) was received in Central Electricity Authority for Techno-Economic Clearance from Government of Andhra Pradesh on 2nd August, 2005 and the same returned on 10.08.2005 to projects authorities for want of tie-up of essential inputs/clearances.

Statement

Ongoing Power projects Andhra Pradesh

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Commissioning Schedule	Status
	Projects Included in 10th Plan State Sector (Thermal)		
1.	Rayalaseema TPP St-II (2X210mw) (M/s APGENCO) Distt. Cuddapah	U-3 09/06 U-4 12/06	Progressing as per schedule.
	Private Sector		
2.	Konaseema CCPP GT 1&2 +ST (445 MW) (EPS Oakwell Power Ltd). Distt. East Godavari	GT-1 01/06 GT-2 03/06 ST 08/06	Progressing as per schedule. Availability of natural gas in adequate quantity is a critical area
3.	Vemagiri CCPP GT+ST (370MW) (M/s. Vemagiri Power Gen. Ltd.) Distt. East Godavari	GT-1 12/05 ST-1 12/05	Progressing as per schedule. Availability of natural gas in adequate quantity is a critical area
4.	Gautami CCPP GT-1&2+ST (464 MW) (M/s. Gautami Power Ltd.)	GT-1 02/06 GT-2 02/06 ST 07/06	Progressing as per schedule
	State Sector (Hydro)		

1.	Priyadarshini Jurala (6x39 MW)	Unit-1 03/07 Unit-2 07/07 Unit-3 11/07 Unit-4 03/08 Unit-5 07/08 Unit-6 11/08	One unit scheduled in X Plan. Balance five units scheduled for XI Plan
	Projects included in 11th Plan		
1.	Vijaywada TPP St-IV (U-1 500 MW) (M/s APGENCO)	Unit-1 09/08	Scheduled for XI Plan
2.	Bhoopalapally TPS (U-1 500 MW)	Unit-1 12/08	Scheduled for XI Plan

Power tariff

†3159. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to wards news-item published under the caption "Sankatgrast Rajyon Ko Mahangi Bijli Bechne Valon Ke Khilaf Muhim";

(b) if so, the tariff at which power was sold to power scarce States by power surplus States during last three years;

(c) the action, if any, taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the impact thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (d) As per the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 the tariff for supply of electricity by the generation company to distribution licensee is to be determined by the Appropriate Electricity Regulatory Commission. In case such tariff has been determined through transparent process of bidding in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Central Government, the Electricity Regulatory Commission is required to adopt the tariff so determined.

According to Section 86 of the Act, concerned State Electricity Regulatory Commission is required to regulate electricity purchase and procurement process of distribution licensee including the price at which electricity shall be procured from the generating companies or licensees or from other sources.